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Re:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/835,482 RUBIN, Alan

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Dear Dr. Rubin:

We enclose a copy of the April 9, 2003 Office Action. Since we are no longer responsible for the application, we are forwarding this to you only as a matter of courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

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We enclose a copy of a December 24, 2002 Office Action from the USPTO. We will take <u>no</u> action with respect to this Office Action. Our forwarding of this Office Action is simply and only as a matter of courtesy, as we do not represent you.

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